

Project Title Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County

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AFI Grant Amount \$50,000

Nonfederal Support \$50,000

Project Period September 2001 – September 2006

Highlights Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County is

opening 20 IDAs under an expansion of its existing AFI Project. This includes homeownership IDAs with a \$4 to \$1 match rate, post-secondary education IDAs with a \$2 to \$1 match rate, and microenterprise IDAs with a \$2 to \$1 match rate. The program will match up to \$2,000 in participant savings over 12-24 months. In addition to core training, services include employment support, childcare, crisis management, structured planning exercises, peer support, counseling, loans, credit repair, and specialized

financial education.

Target Population Sonoma County, California.

Grantee/Collaborative Description Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County is a

Community Action Agency founded in 1967 with multiple AFI Projects in place. Under this project, the National Bank of the Redwoods has waived account fees, supports financial education, and provides bilingual services for participants. They also participate on the project's advisory committee, which oversees policy, reviews the progress of participants, and serves as a fundraising

committee.